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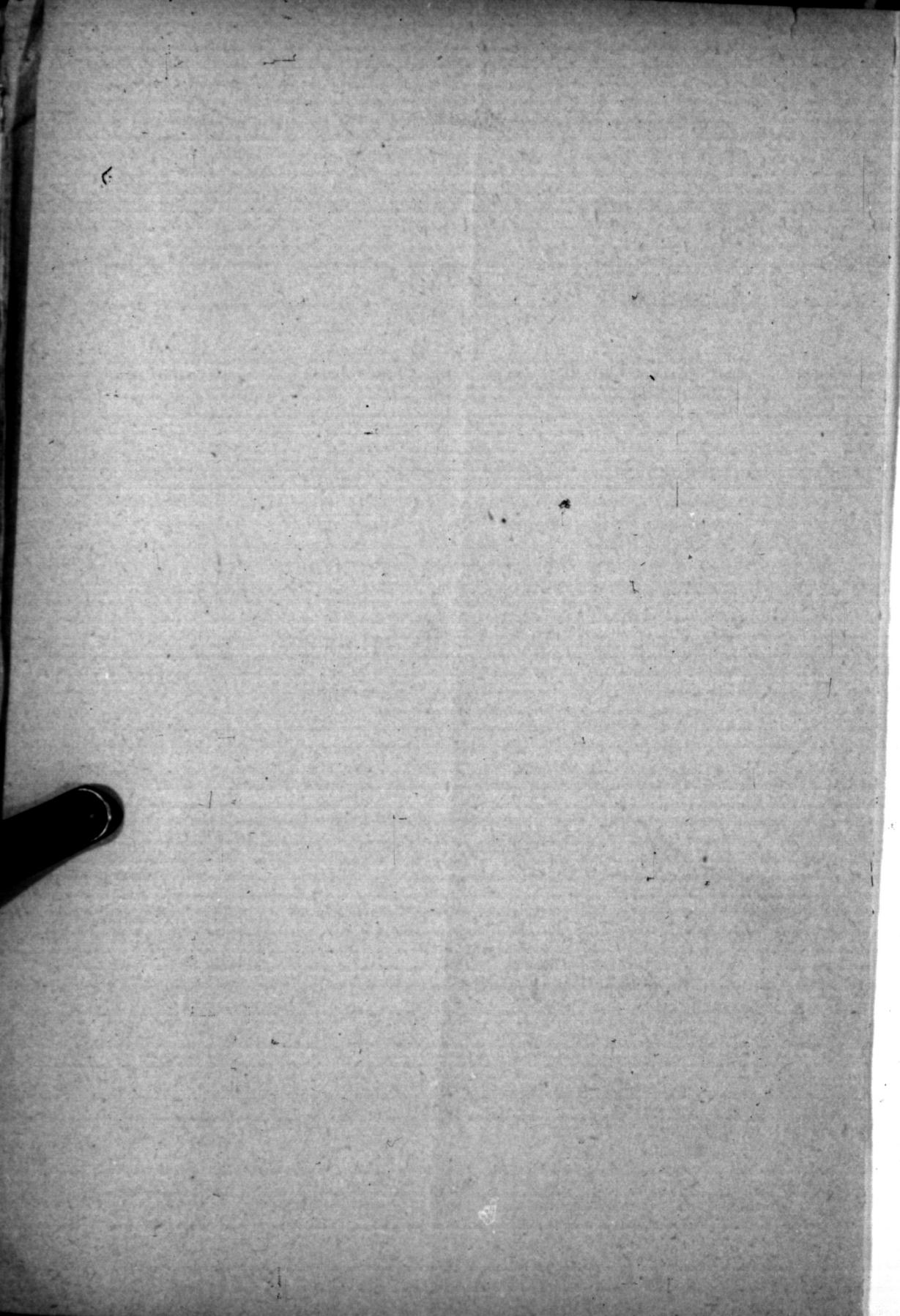
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## NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Unity, Montgomery County, ten miles east of Duck Hill, on the I. C. R. R.

TIME—10 a. m., Wednesday before the 2d Lord's day in September, 1903.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.....Rev. M. E. Sheppard.

ALTERNATE.....Rev. A. B. Hicks.

## OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.....T. J. King, Eupora, Miss.

CLERK.....J. W. Spencer, Glenlynn, Miss.

TREASURER.....John Harvey, Eupora, Miss.



## Ordained Ministers.

	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
1	Allen, M. C.	
2	Burns, A. T.	Slate Springs, Miss.
3	Carrol, J. T.	Slate Springs, Miss.
4	Carrol, Andy	Grady, Miss.
5	Dorroh, Joel	Grady, Miss.
6	Eidson, L. J.	Glenlynn, Miss.
7	Hendricks, H. J. D.	Spring Creek, Miss.
8	Hicks, A. B.	Sapa, Miss.
9	Hunter, J. A.	Bellfontaine, Miss.
10	McCain, H. G.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
11	McPhail, J. T.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
12	Thompson, J. P.	Slate Springs, Miss.
13	White, R. C.	Eupora, Miss.
14	Wilson, T. H.	Reagan, Miss.
15	Williams, A. F.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
16	Williams, Chas. B.	Eupora, Miss.
		Eupora, Miss.

## [Licentiates.

Britt, D. N.	Embry, Miss.
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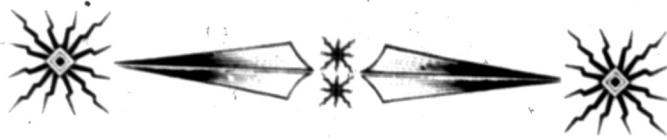




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## Standing Committees for 1903.

Pastors Support—W. T. McQuary, E. Wright.

Missions—A. B. Hicks, J. C. Winter, D. M. Wray.

Womans Work—W. A. Rogers, B. DeLashmet, S. L. Cook.

Orphans Home—Joel Dorroh, J. H. Evans.

Sabbath Schools—J. H. Pryor, J. H. White, W. S. Macon.

Ministerial Education—J. L. Wray, C. S. Clark, Geo. Jordan.

Systematic Beneficence—Eli Hardin, H. J. Burson, C. F. Flourney.

Temperance—T. H. Wilson, J. W. Spencer.

Periodicals—J. T. Pryor, J. T. Burns, T. J. Box.

Diggest of Church Letters—J. T. Dunn, M. R. Klutts, H. H. Middleton.

Nominations—S. L. Wray, W. H. Mullins.



## Proceedings.

The Zion Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Seventh Annual Session with the Eupora Baptist Church on September 17, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m. Was called to order by Moderator J. T. Pryor. "Come thou fount of every blessing" was sung.

The Moderator then made some very touching remarks, and on account of nervousness, asked Rev. A. B. Hicks to conduct the devotional exercises, which he did by reading Romans 12, and leading in prayer. "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung.

The one appointed to preach the introductory sermon, nor the alternate being present, by motion the sermon was deferred until 7:30 at night, and the following committee on devotion was appointed, and were also requested to select some one to preach the annual sermon (to-wit): Rev. J. P. Thompson, S. L. Wray, W. A. Hays, with deacons of this church.

On motion B. D. DeLashmet, John Harvey, and Robert Scott, were appointed reading clerks.

The letters were then read and delegates enrolled as follows:

BETHANY—J. T. Pryor, M. C. Allen, and J. T. Burns.

BETHEL—By letter.

BLUFF SPRINGS—A. W. Gary, D. C. Pittman, and H. G. McCain.

EUPORA—J. G. Felton, John Marshall, W. T. Guinn, and W. T. McQuary.

FELLOWSHIP—D. M. Wray, J. C. Winter.

GREENSBORO—N. G. McGarr, J. I. Collum and C. J. Norris.

HEBRON—J. J. Eidson, H. R. Lollar.

MIDWAY—C. D. Malone.

MILLIGAN SPRING—By letter.

MT. VERNON—J. O. Peeples, E. Strickland.

**MT. ZION**—Not represented.  
**MULBERRY**—S. L. Wray, J. L. Sorrel and W. H. Mullins.  
**NEW HOPE**—J. R. Skelton, J. W. Spencer and J. W. Therrell.  
**NEW LIBERTY**—J. T. Dalton, A. L. Shelton.  
**PHILADELPHIA**—Not represented.  
**PILGRIM'S REST**—D. N. Britt.  
**PLEASANT GROVE**—E. L. James, T. P. Portor.  
**PLEASANT HILL**—H. Y. Pittman.  
**PROVIDENCE**—Not represented.  
**SABOUGLA**—J. Black.  
**SAPA**—J. T. Dunn, J. F. Langston and M. R. Klutts.  
**SHADY GROVE**—G. T. Kilpatrick.  
**SHILOH**—R. J. Stokes and T. B. Kirk.  
**SPRING HILL**—By letter.  
**UNION**—By letter.  
**UNITY**—J. L. Wray.  
**WALTHALL**—W. A. Hays, F. M. Roberts, and B. D. DeLashmet.

On motion the delegates from Walthall, Fellowship, Mulberry, New Liberty, Shiloh, and Midway, were seated without letters. Letters were handed in later from Fellowship, New Liberty, and Midway.

Committee on Devotion reported Rev. J. L. Phelps, of Kilmichael, to preach introductory sermon.

The Association then joined in singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

Homes were assigned to delegates and visitors, and motion prevailed to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock p. m. Dismissed by Rev. C. H. Dobbs.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Came to order by singing "How firm a foundation," and Rev. J. L. Phelps led in prayer. "Rock of Ages" was sung. Moderator called for letters. New Liberty and Sabougla responded.

The Association then proceeded to permanent organiza-

tion, and on motion the rules were suspended and officers were elected by nomination and rising vote. Result as follows:

Moderator, T. J. King, of Eupora; Clerk, J. St. Spencer, of Glenlym; Treasurer, John Harvey, of Eupora.

The Moderator elect was escorted to the chair by the former Moderator, and after a few words of thanks the Association proceeded to business.

The following committee was appointed on finance, to-wit: W. T. Guinn, S. L. Wray, and W. A. Hays.

Rev. C. A. Loveless being absent, on motion Rev. T. H. Wilson was appointed in his place to report on missions.

Corresponding messengers were called for. The following responded, who were welcomed to seats in this body:

Trinity Association—Rev. J. A. Dalton.

Chester Association—Rev. C. H. Dobbs.

Yazoo Association—Rev. J. L. Phelps, Rev. A. Bruner, Rev. A. C. Ball, R. E. Hurt, T. D. Powell, and Sister Willis Wright.

Return correspondents:

Trinity Association—T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, D. M. Wray and J. W. Spencer.

Yazoo Association—T. H. Wilson, T. J. King.

Calhoun Association—A. B. Hicks, J. W. Spencer, and J. T. Pryor.

Chester Association—S. L. Wray, H. G. McCain and R. J. Stoker.

Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. A. B. Hicks delegate, and Rev. T. H. Wilson, alternate.

The delegates present from the churches pledged the amounts set opposite their names to pay the expenses of our delegate to the S. B. C., the same to be paid to our associational treasurer by the first of January, 1903, to-wit:

Bethany	.....	\$2.50	Hebron	.....	\$1.00
Bluff Springs	.....	1.50	Mt. Vernon	.....	1.00
Fellowship	.....	2.50	Mulberry	.....	1.00

New Hope	2.50	New Liberty	1.00
Spring Hill	2.50	Pleasant Grove	1.00
Walthall	2.00	Pleasant Hill	1.00
Eupora	1.00	Sabougla	1.00
Greensboro	1.00	Sapa	1.00
Shady Grove	1.00	Unity	1.00
Shiloh (paid)	1.00		
Total			\$26.50

**BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.**

T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, W. T. McQuary, and T. J. King.

At this point J. T. Pryor addressed the association, speaking of the life and work of old Father Meady White, a pioneer Baptist preacher of this country, stating that no lasting monument marks his grave. After remarks by several brethren, on motion of J. W. Spencer, the following committee was appointed to solicit contributions and to buy and erect a suitable monument for his grave, the same being in Bethel graveyard, four miles west of Slate Springs, in Calhoun county.

Names of committee: J. T. Pryor, A. B. Hicks, C. K. Holland, S. L. Wray, Eli Hardin, S. C. Doolittle, and W. T. Guinn.

On motion A. B. Hicks, T. H. Wilson, W. T. McQuary was appointed to report on woman's work. "At the Cross" was sung.

The committee reported the following hours to meet and adjourn:

To meet at 9:00 a. m. Adjourn at 12:00 m. Meet at 2:00 p. m. Adjourn at 5:00 p. m.

**REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS TAKEN UP.**

J. C. Winter read the following report on Pastor's Support:

If the Bible teaches anything, beyond a doubt it does teach the imperative duty of the churches to support their

pastors. If the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is acknowledged to be the greatest and most important calling of man, surely the preacher of the Gospel should have a support. "For even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." If our pastors have sown unto us (the churches) spiritual things, is it a great thing if they shall reap our carnal things? The duty of the pastor to preach the Gospel is made very plain and imperative in the Bible.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Preach the word; give thyself wholly to the work; woe is me if I preach not the Gospel. How can they go except they be sent?" How can they preach the word except they receive a support from their churches, and how can they give themselves wholly to the work except they be sustained by the churches to whom they preach the glorious Gospel of Christ. Necessity is laid upon the pastor. The "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel" forces him to lay himself upon the bosom of his churches for his support.

Beloved brethren, great demands are made upon the resources of the faithful pastor. He is expected to, and must give to the spread of the Gospel. Must help the poor, visit and help the sick, comfort the sorrowing, and be ready to every good word and work. How can he do these things unless he is supported by his churches?

Now, dear brethren of the Zion Association, fix the salary of your pastors. See that the same is promptly paid, in order that he may faithfully preach the Gospel and be able to sustain his ministerial character, and be relieved from want and hurtful anxiety, and our Heavenly Father will bless and prosper both church and pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WRAY,

J. C. WINTER,

Committee.

The report was spoken to by D. M. Wray, J. P. Thompson, J. T. Pryor, A. B. Hicks, W. T. McQuary, T. H. Wilson, and on motion was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the association was led in prayer by A. B. Hicks, and dismissed until to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

#### NIGHT SESSION

7:30 p.m.—After a delightful song service, J. L. Phelps read Ephesians 3, and M. C. Allen led in prayer. Bro. Phelps then preached a most excellent sermon to a large and attentive congregation, from Psalms 110, 1-4. Theme, Missions

“I want to be a worker” was sung.

Committee on devotion reported A. B. Hicks to preach to-morrow at 11:00 a. m. Dismissed by J. L. Phelps.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator read 33rd Psalm and T. J. Bailey led in prayer.

Song, “How Firm a Foundation.”

The Moderator then extended a hearty welcome to the following visiting brethren, to wit:

A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary State Missions, T. J. Bailey, editor of Baptist, Jackson, Miss., L. P. Leavell, Sunday School Field Secretary, W. H. Thompson, of Pheba, and G. W. Naron, of Maben.

John Harvey, Treasurer, read his report, and on motion it was received and referred to finance committee.

## Treasurer's Report, Zion Association, 1901-2.

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Sept. 14.	Received for minutes.....	\$ 28 25
" "	" " " Foreign Missions .....	9 00
" "	" " " General Missions.....	33 90
" "	" " " State Missions.....	7 50
" "	" " " Home Missions.....	3 75
" "	" " " Orphans Home .....	11 70
" "	" Ministerial Education.....	.5 00
" "	" By cash paid Bro. R. A. Cochran.....	8 54 15
" "	" " " J. W. Spencer, Clerk.....	28 25
" "	Received for M. L. Sheppard .....	30 25
" "	" By cash paid " " .....	30 25
" "	" Received for Foreign Missions, New Hope..	2 55
" "	" " " Orphange, New Hope.....	15 55

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April 19.	Received for Foreign Missions, Fellowship .....	10 05
" "	" " " " Bethel.....	10 25
Mar. 29.	By cash to L. S. Foster, Jackson. ....	15 55
" "	" " " W. T. Lowrey, Clinton.....	5 00
April 22.	" " R. J. Willingham.....	10 05
" 15.	" " " " .....	12 55
May	" " " " .....	10 00
	Received of B. DeLashmet, Ex. Treas.....	4 00
Sept. 17.	By balance on hand.....	5 95
" "	To balance on hand.....	5 95
" "	Received today for 1901, Shady Grove Mis..	50
	Total.....	\$178 20 \$171 75

Sept. 17. To balance on hand..... \$ 6 45

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN HARVEY, Treasurer.

The report showed \$4.00 not appropriated. On motion it was given to State Missions.

Report on Periodicals made special order for 2:30 p. m.

On motion preaching at 11 a. m. was deferred until 7:30 p. m., and T. J. Bailey made some happy hits for The Baptist.

On motion H. G. McCain and J. W. Therrell were appointed to report on Sabbath Schools.

H. Y. Puttman read report on Temperance, spoken to by T. H. Wilson, A. V. Rowe, T. J. Bailey, and others, and on motion the report was amended memorialize the legislature for statutory prohibition and report was adopted.

## Temperance.

No truth is better established nor more universally accepted than that intemperance is an evil.

There can be no successful denial of the fact that it injures mind and body, depraves the moral nature, and conduces to crime. It is the pronounced enemy of the home, introducing neglect, estrangement, discord, bankruptcy, and want.

It is equally the foe of society and the political state, degrading the one and brutalizing and endangering the other.

Its evil extent is shown in the formidable figures of pauperism in this and other countries, four fifths of which are credited directly to strong drink.

It is similarly shown in the statistics of crime, a like proportion of which is attributed to drunkenness.

While these figures are startling, they convey but a slight impression of the pernicious results of intemperance.

Leaving out the annual expenditure for drink, which can only be counted by millions of dollars in this country alone, and which, in its most favorable light, is a sheer waste, if not worse.

There are deeper seated, and therefore incomputable results, which men and women only witness inside of their homes and in the social circle, and which are secretly mourned as something worse than death itself.

It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot.

It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness; and with the malevolence of a fiend, calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and unsatisfied with this havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, corrupts morals, wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin.

It does that and more, it murders the soul.

It is the sum of all villainies, the father of crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend, and God's worst enemy.

We will say in conclusion, that God created man for a nobler purpose than to debase himself and spoil his home and happiness.

Respectfully,

H. Y. PUTTMAN,  
P. W. MORELAND,  
Committee.

## Memorial to Legislature of State of Mississippi.

The Zion Baptist Association, representing 2,600 white Baptists living in the State of Mississippi, respectfully petition your honorable body to enact a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage in Mississippi.

That the memorial be sent to Hon. E. F. Noel, Lexington, Miss., to be used in connection with the Convention memorial.

Committee on devotion reported T. J. Bailey to preach at 7:30 p. m.

Time for adjournment having arrived, Association joined in singing, and dismissed with prayer by A. V. Rowe.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, "Come thou fount of every blessing." Prayer by A. V. Rowe.

On motion D. N. Britt was seated without letter, from Pilgrim's Rest.

A. B. Hicks then read the report on Periodicals, spoken to by A. V. Rowe, W. H. Thompson, and A. B. Hicks, and on motion adopted.

### Periodicals.

We recommend first of all the constant reading of the Bible in our homes. We beg that the brethren of this Association take and read our State paper, The Baptist. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Our Orphanage Gem, also the periodicals of our Sunday School Board.

Respectfully,

A. B. HICKS,  
T. H. WILSON,  
Committee.

On motion the Association proceeded to select the place for holding the next annual meeting. Unity, New Liberty, and Spring Hill petitioned for the same. Unity Church, ten miles east of Duck Hill, was chosen as the place, and

Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1903, the time for holding the next Association.

A. B. Hicks read report on Missions. A. V. Rowe spoke to the report, and on motion it was adopted.

### Report on Missions.

Christ's command is supreme. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent."

From these Scriptures and many others, it is our imperative duty to preach the Gospel everywhere.

We take pleasure in emphasizing the fact that the Lord is wonderfully blessing our mission work everywhere.

Dear brethren, great blessings call for increased giving. We recommend that the pastors and messengers of this Association carry the subject of missions to every church of the Association, and try to get a contribution for missions from every member of every church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HICKS,  
T. H. WILSON,  
Committee.

By request of A. V. Rowe the following statistics of State Mission work were added to this report:

Number of stations, 136; number of persons baptized, 359; baptized by others in meetings where missionaries labored, 714; received by letter, 768; restored to church fellowship, 42; number of churches organized, 7; Sunday Schools organized, 23; Total number of Sunday Schools, 72.

Money collected for personal services	.....	\$ 2690 00
" " " State Missions	.....	1359 00
" " " Home Missions	.....	128 00
" " " Foreign Missions	.....	587 00

" " " other purposes	2325 00
No. of houses of worship commenced	12
" " " " finished	16
" " " " improved	6
Amt. expended for houses of worship	\$24500 00

The above statistics are taken from report on State Missions in Convention minutes for the year 1901-2. Song, "Kingdom coming."

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

The following amounts have been paid for the objects named by the churches of the Zion Association for the year 1901-2.

Home, State, Foreign, and General Missions	\$ 152 70
Ministerial Education, College Endowment, and Orphan's Home	87 55
For church building, painting, etc.	552 45
For Pastor's salary	1169 00
For Sabbath School Literature	79 75
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Total	\$2041 45

Report on Systematic Beneficence read by J. W. Spencer and spoken to by A. B. Hicks, and on motion was adopted .....

**Systematic Beneficence.**

That it is the duty of every one to give to the Master's cause, as the Lord has prospered us, is not a question for debate, for what we have and what we are is of the Lord.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," (and the sainted Melvin said that every honest man would pay his cent), and it is our duty to give liberally, "For he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

And we are to give willingly, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for "God loveth a cheerful giver," and we have the promise of a reward for, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we are told to

"give and it shall be given us, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over."

So, as we have said, that it is our duty to give is not a question, but as to a systematic form of beneficence that would apply to, or that could be enforced in an organized religious body, is a question, or rather a problem, we must leave for wiser heads to solve.

We would, however, suggest an individual system, which we believe, if adopted, would work great good to the Master's cause.

Let every one decide that he will give a certain amount for all purposes during the year, and let him divide the amount between the different objects, making due allowance for contingencies, and then pay promptly, for it is better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

Respectfully,

F. A. MARTIN,  
R. E. PERRY,  
Committee.

J. R. Skelton read the report on Ministerial Education. T. H. Wilson, W. H. Thompson, A. B. Hicks, and W. T. McQuary spoke on the report.

W. T. McQuary stated that he had received a letter from Bro. M. L. Sheppard, our young minister in school at Clinton, requesting him to thank the Association for the financial aid given him, and asking to be remembered in our prayers. Rev. A. B. Hicks led in special prayer for Bro. Sheppard, and the report was adopted.

### Report on Ministerial Education.

We understand the meaning of ministerial education to some extent, but we do not heed it as we should.

We feel it is our indispensable duty to educate our ministers, because all other professions are educating their leaders, and he that is to lead and guide us in divine things must be qualified not only in literature, but in theology.

If they are not able to thus qualify themselves, we should assist them.

We beg the pastors and messengers to carry this matter before their churches.

We recommend Bro. M. L. Sheppard to the churches of this Association as worthy of their support.

T. H. WILSON,  
J. R. SKELTON,  
Committee.

The Moderator then appointed the following committee:

On nominations:

J. R. Skelton and J. B. Black.

On digest of church letters:

A. B. Hicks and T. H. Wilson.

The Association then joined in singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and was dismissed with prayer by W. H. Thompson, until 7:30 p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

After song service, Bro. L. P. Leavell, Sunday School Field Secretary of State Board, spoke for 30 minutes on Sunday School work. He read from Acts 1:4-8. Theme—"The Christian's bounding duty to witness for Jesus," first by example, and second by precept. After which Rev. T. J. Bailey preached from Hebrews, 12:1-2. Theme—"The strenuous Christian life." T. H. Wilson led in prayer. Dismissed by T. J. Bailey.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:00 a. m. the moderator called to order by reading Psalms 118, 1-9. "What a friend we have in Jesus" was sung, and M. C. Allen led in prayer.

S. L. Wray read the report of committee on finance, which on motion was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following:

We have received the following amounts for the object, named, to-wit:

For Minutes.....	\$28.40
General Missions.....	18.30
Foreign Missions.....	12.85
For Home Missions.....	4.40
For State Missions.....	3.30
 Total .....	 \$67.25

We have examined treasurer's report and found same correct

Respectfully,

W. T. GUINN,

W. A. HAYS,

S. L. WRAY,

Committee

NOTE.—\$1.00 of the amount named was paid to me by R. J. Stoker for general missions.

CLERK.

J. W. Spencer read report on Sunday Schools. Spoken on by T. H. Wilson, and adopted.

### Report on Sunday Schools.

That the Sunday School is a power for good in the land, none who have enjoyed its privileges will deny.

That we have Scriptural authority for Sunday Schools our best people are agreed, and that it is productive of great good all Christian workers will testify. Yet in many of our churches there is a sad lack of interest in this grand and noble work, in training our children in the fear and service of our Master.

Brethren, there is evidently a necessity for increased interest in this work. Its importance can no longer be questioned. How to get the people interested and at work in the Sunday School is what we would like to know.

From the report sent up from the churches to the Association and other information we have gathered, we find that there is sixteen Sunday Schools in our bounds, the largest number that has ever been reported into this body. Yet this leaves nearly half our churches without Sunday Schools.

Where can a place be found better suited to meet the needs of both old and young in the study of the Scriptures than in the Sunday School?

We are glad to note the increase of interest in this part of Christian work, and hope and pray that the work shall still increase until every church in our Zion shall have an evergreen Sunday School. Statistics show that from 75 to 80 per cent. of the members coming into our churches are from the Sunday School.

We note that twenty-one of the twenty-two added to New Hope Church during the last year were members of the Sunday School. Can we afford to ignore such a power for good in bringing the unsaved to Christ for life and salvation? No! Oh, brethren! let us arise in our might, shake off our indifference, gird on the armor, and rally

around the Sunday School Banner, working for our blessed Master while life lasts and opportunity is given, for we will pass this way but once.

J. W. THERRELL,  
H. G. McCAIN,  
Committee.

A. B. Hicks read report on digest of church letters, which on motion was adopted.

**DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS**

We have examined seventeen letters. The spiritual condition of but one church is given, and that one is lukewarm.

We find the following statements for the year: Baptisms, 144; Sunday Schools, 14; deaths, 22. We ask that the memorial page be continued in our minutes.

A. B. HICKS,  
T. H. WILSON,  
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work, read by A. B. Hicks, spoken on by A. B. Hicks, T. J. Bailey, T. H. Wilson, and on motion the report was adopted.

**Report on Woman's Work.**

Christian womanhood is a benediction to our homes, to our churches, to our Sabbath Schools, and to our nation. She was the friend, helper and companion of the world's Redeemer. In Luke 8:2, 3, we find them united together, forming the first Woman's Christian Aid Society to "minister unto the Lord Jesus of their substance." In Phil. 4:3, we find the Apostle Paul entreating his true yoke fellow, "To help those women who labored with him in the Gospel." In Romans 16:1, 2, we find the same Apostle commanding Phebe, a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea, saying: "She hath been a succorer of many and of myself also."

In the South we have the Woman's Mission Society Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, which is raising thousands of dollars annually to preach the Gospel in the destitute portion of our own Southland and throughout the world.

There is an active Woman's Aid and Mission Society in this (Europa) church, which has raised the following amounts in the last two years:

For Ministerial Education.....	\$10.00
Repairs on Parsonage (1901).....	53.00
To send Pastor to S. B. Convention.....	20.00
Repairs on Parsonage (1902).....	23.00
For Missions (1902).....	6.83
For Missions (1901).....	10.95
Church Repairs (1901).....	4.70

We recommend that the Christian sisterhood of all the churches of this Association form Aid Societies to help in this great, glorious, and glowing work of preaching the Gospel of the Redeemer's kingdom throughout the world.

A. B. HICKS,  
W. T. MCQUARY,  
T. H. WILSON,  
Committee.

P. S.—The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the S. B. Convention, was organized fourteen years ago. Since that time it has raised for our denominational work \$704,501.00. During the last conventional year, it raised in cash, \$54,716.52. By boxes, \$33,353.55. Total, \$88,129.07. There are co-operating in this Union 2,500 societies and bands in the South. According to last data about 500 societies and bands have been organized in Southern churches last year.

Song, "Rock of Ages."

The committee on nominations made the following report: To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. M. L. Sheppard; alternate, Rev. A. B. Hicks.

J. B. BLACK,  
J. R. SKELETON,  
Committee.

On motion the clerk was allowed his regular fee, \$15.00.

The following churches of this Association have Ladies Missionary Union or Aid Societies:

Eupora—Mrs. Edna Ford, President; Mrs. Sue Endy, Sec'y., Eupora.	
" Paid for Foreign Missions,.....	\$ 6 85
" Paid on Pastors salary.....	14 55
" Building and repairing.....	24 95
" Church expenses.....	2 00
" Delegate to S. B. C.....	5 00

Total..... \$46 50

Unity—Leona Clark, President; Lillian Wray, Sec'y., Sweatman, Miss.  
M. C. Allen read report on Orphans' Home. T. J. Bailey spoke to the report, and on motion was adopted.

## Report on Orphans' Home.

The property of the Orphans' Home consists of 112 acres of land, located in northwest portion of Jackson, Miss., all in a fine state of cultivation, and entirely free from debt. Its value has more than doubled since it was purchased. It is now worth about \$5,000.00. The cottages are worth \$3,000.00. We also have a superintendent's home, with eight rooms, worth \$2,200.00, and general improvements, such as furniture, fencing, horses, cows, wagons, farming implements, and a printing outfit worth \$4,300.00. We have a deep well at a cost of \$2,000.00, and pumping outfit worth \$1,000.00, with other conveniences worth \$100.00. So, now our property is easily worth \$18,000.00, besides our three-story brick building which was built at a cost of \$10,000.00, which has just been completed and furnished this year. There are now sixty-four children being cared for in the Orphanage, and many more are applying for admission. One mail recently brought application for one dozen eligible children.

Receipts for past year have been \$10,493.26, but in improvements and current expenses this has been more than exhausted.

We earnestly beg each church in our Association to contribute to the support of our Orphanage, for, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he giveth will He repay."

M. C. ALLEN, Com.

Rev. A. F. Williams then came before the association, stating that he had made a promise to the Lord to give Him the tenth of his income, and turned over to the association \$3 00, which he stated was his due unto the Lord. The association appropriated this amount to the Orphanage. Bro. Williams stated that it pleased him for it to be given for that purpose.

The following resolution of thanks was then offered by T. H. Wilson:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the Christian people in the town of Eupora for the Christian kindness and generous hospitality shown us during the meeting of this Association.

There being no other business a motion prevailed to adjourn. A closing prayer was offered by T. H. Wilson, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet with the Unity Church, on Wednesday, before the second Sunday in September, 1903.

T. J. KING, Moderator.

J. W. SPENCER, Clerk.

## Program of the District Meeting of the Zion Association.

Which meets with **Mulberry Church, Montgomery county**, on Thursday and Friday before fourth Sunday in July, 1903

Introductory sermon, Rev. J. T. McPhail; alternate, Joel Dorroh.

1st. Which is the most Scriptural plan of raising money for Missions, the Convention Board plan or Gospel Mission plan? Rev. T. H. Wilson and J. H. Pryor.

2nd. Can the doctrine of Election, Foreordination and Predestination be reconciled with free agency of man? Rev. M. C. Allen and A. C. Ball.

3rd. Does Regeneration Precede Repentance? Rev. J. T. McPhail.

4th. In what sense are Christians subject to the Law as contained in the Commandments? Rev. Joel Dorroh.

5th. What is the difference (in the condition) between a sinner and an unbeliever? Rev. A. T. Burns.

6th. What will become of the wicked during millennial day? Rev. A. B. Hicks.

H. M. TRUSSELL,  
HENRY CANNON,  
CHARLIE DENTON,  
Committee.

## Minutes of the Zion Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The Sabbath School Convention of the Zion Baptist Association met with Pilgrim's Rest Church on July 10, 1902.

The chaplain being absent, the devotional exercises were conducted by Joel Darrah, by reading Romans 12. A. B. Hicks offered prayer. The convention sermon was then preached by A. B. Hicks from Luke 2:49.

Dismissed one hour for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song and prayer, President called for letters. The following schools responded: New Hope, Barton School House, Pilgrim's Rest, Montevista, Walthall, Bellefontaine, and Mt. Vernon. A. B. Wilson and J. N. Carrol were appointed reading clerks.

On motion the delegates from Bethany, Hopewell, Saboubla, Unity and Eupora, were seated without letters.

The convention was then permanently organized by electing the following officers: J. C. Winter, President; W. T. Quinn, Vice-President; J. A. Peebles, Secretary; Joel Dorroh, Chaplain, and A. B. Wilson, anniversarian.

Welcome address was then delivered by Miss Kate Hitt; response by A. B. Hicks.

On motion, all Sunday School workers, regardless of denomination, were invited to take part in the discussion of all subjects.

## PROGRAM TAKEN UP.

"The Mission of the Sunday School" was spoken to by T. H. Wilson and C. S. Clark.

E. W. Goza and W. T. McQuary being absent, J. H. Pryor was appointed to lead in discussion of the subject assigned them, "The Duty and Qualification of Sunday School Superintendents."

Essay by Miss Ida Hicks on subject, "After the Shadows Come the Sunshine." W. B. Walker, T. H. Wilson and C. S. Clark made remarks on the subject.

The following committee on program was then appointed by President, to-wit: D. M. Wray, J. H. Pryor and T. J. King.

On motion the convention adjourned.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Chaplain. Scripture reading, Deut. 1; prayer, J. H. Pryor.

A. B. Hicks was then appointed to lead in the following

subject: "Is it right to omit the teaching of the truth to avoid giving offense?" T. L. Cooper spoke on the subject also.

"Best way to interest parents in the Sunday School." Discussed by T. J. King, J. J. Hemphill and C. S. Clark. Adjourned one hour for refreshments

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by chaplain

Call for essays from various schools by President. J. H. Pryor responded with an address from New Hope.

On motion the subject of Temperance was taken up and discussed by T. L. Cooper and others.

On motion New Hope was selected as the place for holding next meeting, and Thursday and Friday before third Sunday in July, 1903, the time.

The following essays were then read:

"Encouragement to Sabbath School Work," by Miss Salie Vance, from Bethany Sunday School.

"Youth, Duties and Responsibilities of," by Miss Vint Ella Fox, of Sabougla Sunday School, read by J. H. Pryor.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," by Miss Minnie Burson, Hopewell Sunday School.

"Home and Foreign Missions," by Miss Lillie Evans, Pilgrim Rest Sunday School.

On motion the essay read in this convention were requested to be published in the county papers. The Secretary was also instructed to have the proceedings of this convention published in the Calhoun Monitor and Walthall Warden.

Resolution of thanks was then adopted and convention adjourned to meet with New Hope School, Thursday and Friday before third Sunday in July, 1903.

J. C. PEEPLES, Secretary.

J. C. WINTER, President.

. PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING.

1. Devotional exercises by Chaplain.
2. Organize convention.
3. Welcome address by Miss Lizzie Allen.
4. Anniversary address by anniversarian.
5. Best method of arousing and sustaining interest in Sunday School. E. Wright and T. J. King.
6. Essential characteristics of a successful Sunday School Teacher. Miss Nora Burns. Discussed by J. H. Spencer.
7. "The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency." R. M. Richardson and D. M. Wray.
8. "The Sabbath Day and How to Observe It." Miss Nolie Mann. Discussed by T. H. Wilson.
9. "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church." Rev. Joel Dorroh and C. K. Holland.
10. Practical Godliness. Mrs. Jennie Magness. Discussed by Rev. A. B. Hicks.
11. "The Bible and How to Study It." Rev. A. T. Burns and H. G. McCain.

Each Sunday School Superintendent is requested to appoint some one of their school to write an essay or to deliver an address.

J. H. PRYOR, for Com.



## Memorial Page.

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S. M. Denton, A	Died 1901
D. D. McPhail	Died 1901
Rev. W. D. Cook	Died 1902
Eveline Vance	Died 1902
Jane Davis	Died 1902
Mary Ann Fox	Died 1901
J. J. Criss	Died 1901
Frank Vance	Died 1901
F. C. Hitt	Died 1901
S. H. Roberts	Died 1901
Lillie Adams	Died 1901
J. Hardin	Died 1901
Mrs. C. B. Williams	Died 1901
Mrs. H. A. McBride	Died 1902
Mrs. Laura Latham	Died 1902
Mrs. A. C. Norris	Died 1902
Wm. Peebles	Died 1902
Annie Strong	Died 1902
Wm. Gardner	Died 1902
Mrs. Mary A. Waid	Died 1902
Genie Peebles	Died 1902
J. J. Flowers	Died 1902
Mrs. Rhoda Flowers	Died 1902
Peter Cannon	Died 1902

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."  
—Psalms 116:15.

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## STATISTI

## Churches.

FICAL TABLE.

Sabbath Schools.		No. Officers & Teachers.		Kind Used.	Superintendent	Secretary.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Post Office.	County.
No.	Scholars.	No.	Baptized.							
1 7	90	10	\$10 50	S. B. C. S.....	J. T. Pryor...	Vernon Mallory...	A. C. Ball...	J. S. Dorroh...	Slate Springs	Calhoun .....
1 7	39	4	50	"	C. K. Holland	D. L. Denton.....	A. T. Burns...	J. D. Denton.....	Denton.....	"
1 9	100	12	10 00	S. B. C. S.....	E. Wright.....	W. W. Naron.....	A. B. Hicks...	W. F. Hood.....	Calooga.....	Webster .....
1 6	75	35	7 50	"	J. Mahry.....	Princess Hall.....	A. B. Hicks...	W. W. Naron.....	Eupora.....	"
1 6	42	2	25	"	J. F. McGary.....	N. G. McGary.....	J. T. Carroll...	A. W. Suggs.....	McCain.....	"
							J. T. Carroll...	J. W. Norris.....	Tom Nolen.....	"
								H. K. Lollar.....	Spring Creek	"
							J. R. Cole...	J. M. Blue.....	Blue.....	Calhoun .....
1 5	40	4	00	S. B. C. S.....	W. T. Clark.....		T. N. Lusk...	J. A. Lusk.....	Arlin.....	Webster .....
							T. H. Wilson	W. T. Clark.....	Ship.....	"
10 116	21	10	50	S. B. C. S.....	J. W. Spencer.....	Leroy Gregg.....	R. H. Lishman...	Pink Lamb.....	Eupora.....	"
1 6 45	3	2	25	"	L. A. Townsend	Miss D. A. Lusk.....	A. B. Hicks...	R. H. White.....	Lodi.....	Montgomery.
5 25		3	50	S. B. C. S.....	J. N. Carroll.....	T. N. Lusk	T. N. Lusk	J. T. Dalton.....	Glenlynn.....	Webster .....
4 32		1	50	"	F. A. Martin.....	W. L. Synott.....	A. T. Burns...	R. L. Middleton.....	Dabney.....	"
						Joel Dorroh.....	J. N. Carroll.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Alva.....	"
						Lena Martin.....	A. C. Ball.....	J. E. Shaw.....	Embry.....	"
							A. C. Ball.....	J. G. Barton.....	Redding.....	Grenada .....
5 25		3	00	S. B. C. S.....	R. F. Starnes.....	Mary Davis.....	A. T. Burns...	J. D. Ward.....	Reagan.....	Calhoun .....
5 30	7	1	50	"	M. R. Klutts.....	Mrs. Maud McLane.....	T. H. Wilson	Carrie Trussel.....	Wardwell .....	"
5 20	..	1	25	"	H. E. Gibson.....	T. D. Balley.....	C. H. Dobbs...	J. T. Dunn.....	Sabougla .....	Webster .....
7 75	2	7	50	B. C. S.....	C. F. Flournoy.....	Wade H. Hardin.....	J. T. Carroll	G. T. Kilpatrick.....	Sapa.....	"
5 25	5	6	00	B. C. S.....	J. L. Wray.....	Della Jordan.....	T. N. Lusk...	W. A. Dunn.....	Tom Nolen.....	Montgomery.
5 30	..	4	00	"	B. DeLashmet.....		A. B. Hicks...	M. C. Hardin.....	Sweatman.....	Calhoun .....
							H. G. McCain.....	F. M. Wood.....	Hardin .....	Webster .....
							A. C. Mason.....	J. L. Wray .....	Greensboro .....	Montgomery.
							S. M. Cole.....	C. M. Garner.....	Sweatman .....	Webster .....
97 809	95	479	75						Eupora.....	